

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 9, 2011

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave Southwest
Washington, DC 20250-0002

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

We write today to ask for your approval of Governor Steve Beshear's request for disaster assistance for Kentucky's agricultural communities in the wake of the historic flooding over the last several days. As you know, unprecedented levels of rain fall have left large areas of Kentucky farmlands underwater, imperiling the livelihood of countless Kentuckians.

These storms have caused such a tremendous amount of damage in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that President Obama issued a major disaster declaration on May 4th, 2011. We would appreciate your agency making a similar recognition of the scale of this disaster and provide assistance for Kentucky's agricultural community. We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Ed Whitfield
Member of Congress



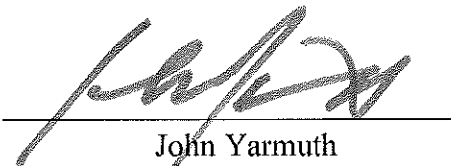
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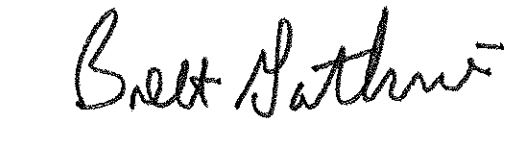
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